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THUMP
UNN..
Why am I in the same bed as Ken?!
PANIC
Ah..
That's right. Both of us came to Okinawa.
I got a fever and fainted...

Then, both of us went to sleep right after the kiss.
THUMP
I love you, Ken.
Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump
I'm so happy! He didn't do perverted things to me. Instead, I've got a feeling that he cherishes me.

Thump
EH?
YOUR FEVER WAS SO HIGH LAST NIGHT THAT I COULD FEEL IT FROM YOUR LIPS
AI, YOUR FEVER HAS COME OOWN
!!
Thump
SO TODAY,
LET'S TAKE OUR TIME AND HAVE FUN.
YES
Thump
Thump

AAAHH.
YOUR BODY HAS A SWEET SMELL.
He's giving me a lot of kind kisses...
Thump
Thump
Thump
I really feel that I'm loved...

AL-THOUGH...
I SAID THAT I WON'T DO ANYTHING, IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN HERE
BLUSH
I'm blessed...
WANT SOME BREAKFAST?
OKAY
Ah... It's almost the time for me to meet Kazuki...
I already sent him a message saying I can't come, but there hasn't been a single reply from him.

AI-CHAN!! YOU'RE SO KIND!!
IF THE MESSAGE DIDN'T REACH HIM, HE COULD BE THERE WAITING FOR ME
ARE YOU THAT CONCERNED ABOUT THAT GUY?
I CAN'T JUST DITCH HIM LIKE THIS
KAZUKI?! WHY ARE YOU HERE?
BECAUSE THAT BRAT THERE SUDDENLY DIDN'T COME TO HIS TRAINING CAMP. I THOUGHT MAYBE HE WAS TRYING TO SEPARATE ME FROM AI
TO DO THAT, HE'D HAVE TO TAKE AI FAR AWAY, RIGHT? THEN, THE ONLY OPTIONS ARE HOKKAIDO AND OKINAWA
I CALLED ALL THE HOTELS, AND THAT'S HOW I FOUND YOU!!
SMILE
SMILE

IT'S OKAY
THAT SORRY FOR CANCELING OUR DATE LAST MINUTE
ME TOO SORRY FOR SAYING THAT IT WAS A TWO-WEEK GAME
Smile
I PREFER TO CALL IT DETEC-TIVE SKILLS
ARE YOU A STALKER?
YUP
Grin Grin Grin
EH? REALLY?
IF KEN IS THE BEST FOR AI, THEN I SHALL RETREAT
Irritated
Kazuki is really nice!!
Happy
THANK YOU!

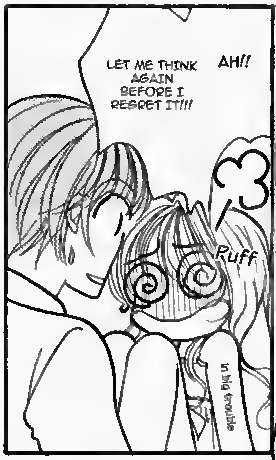
STUPID !!
WHAT? WHAT IS IT? YOU DIDN'T TOUCH YOUR FOOD AT ALL!
KEN!!
BANG
EH?
Click
DO YOU THINK HE'D REALLY GIVE UP ON YOU THAT EASILY?
HE CAME HERE JUST FOR YOU!
EH?!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE WERE GOING TO SPEND TODAY TOGETHER
LISTEN! I'M PACKING MY STUFF
WHY ARE YOU THAT SIMPLE?!
BUT KAZUKI COMES FROM RICH FAMILY
A PLANE TICKET IS NOTHING TO HIM, RIGHT?

AI IS CRYING!!
Why?!
KEN!!
ARE YOU GOING TO LET AI BE BY HERSELF?
DON'T YOU THINK AI IS SCARED BY YOUR PERSONALITY?

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY!!
SURPRISED
YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE ANGRY!!
A MAN IS ONLY A REAL MAN WHEN HE REALLY CHERISHES THE GIRL HE LOVES THE MOST!!
The girl he loves...

HEY!!
STUPID!! AI DON'T RUN AFTER HIM!!
No way...

IF WE START CHASING HIM NOW, WE CAN CATCH UP TO HIM. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
THAT STUPID BOY! HE REALLY WANTS TO LEAVE YOU HERE
If this situation repeats again...
IT'S OKAY...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE...


LET ME THINK AGAIN BEFORE I REGRET IT!!!
AH!!
Ruff
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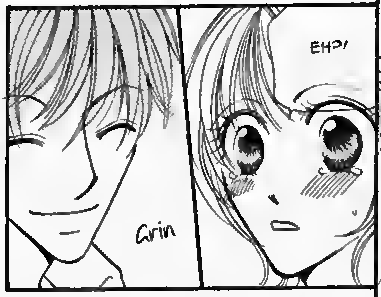
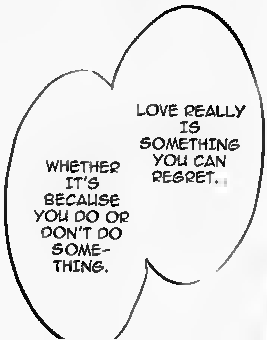
I EVEN WORKED SO HARD FOR IT, BUT...

SORRY THAT I EVEN CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO OKINAWA...
You look so sad.


EH?!
Grin

WELL, THEN, IT'S BETTER TO GO AFTER HIM


LOVE REALLY IS SOMETHING YOU CAN REGRET.
WHETHER IT'S BECAUSE YOU DO OR DON'T DO SOME-THING.

THE SKY LOOKS DARK...
EH? DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE NEWS? THERE'S A TYPHOON COMING
A TYPHOON?!

This year's biggest typhoon yet is moving rapidly towards Okinawa's main island.
IT'S OKAY IF THERE'S A TYPHOON COMING. THE PLANE WON'T TAKE OFF ANYWAY.
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!! WHAT IF THE PLANE KEN'S BOARDING IS CAUGHT UP IN THE TYPHOON? WHAT IF IT CRASHES?!
DEPRESSED
There really is nothing to it.
BUT
Ooo
ROAR
Ken!
THIS IS BOUND TO CAUSE PROBLEMS.

Don't go!!
PLEASE LET ME GO TO THE AIRPORT.
MISS LIKE THIS, THE PLANE WON'T BE BOARDING ANYWAY
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO GO BACK TO THE HOTEL.
AI...!!
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
Ken!

Sorry. The number you have dialed cannot be reached at this moment..
KEN!!
BUT THERE'S ONE THAT HAS TAKEN OFF...
BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON, ALL THE FLIGHTS ARE DELAYED
THIS IS THE WORST
Chatter
Chatter
No way!!! He isn't answering!!
VSSSSSHHHHHHHH
The two of us have already come this far to Okinawa, but you're angrily going back alone.
Because of the weather, you must've been forced to spend the night in the airport.
KEN!!
KEN!!
Ken!!
AI!!
Dash

DROPS
He's not here...
Huff
Huff
KEN!!
Ken!!
IT'D BE QUITE HARD TO SLEEP HERE TONIGHT
EH?
LET'S STOP AT THE NEAREST HOTEL, OKAY?
NONE OF THE FLIGHTS WILL BE TAKING OFF TODAY
AI...

The typhoon is nearing the main island...
Strong Winds
Shock Waves
THANK YOU
HERE
Smile
BUT I WAS LIKE KEN A YEAR AGO
YOU'RE REALLY KIND, KAZUKI
Hahaha
VSSSSSSSSHHHHHH
HOTEL
OKAY?
Smile
OKAY..
IT'S TRUE.
EH?!
Smile

EH?!
That's outrageous!!
I TOLD HER THAT I LIKED HER, BUT SHE TREATED ME LIKE A BIG SISTER WOULD
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT THAT AFTER I BECAME A SENIOR I WOULD MARRY HER
WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH MY TEACHER DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL, I COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL POSSESSIVE OF HER
THERE'S NO WAY... I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU LIKE THAT...
I WAS SUCH A CHILD BACK THEN I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT HER POSITION AT ALL
BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE GOT FIRED,
AND I GOT KICKED OUT OF MY HOUSE
Kazuki...
SO I HOPED THAT IN MY NEW SCHOOL, I'D FIND A NEW LOVE
I'D TREASURE THE GIRL AND BE KIND TO HER

I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS VERY WELL,
BUT I CAN NO LONGER LEAVE YOU ALONE.
KEN DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE PAIN YOU FEEL WHEN THE ONE YOU WANT IS NO LONGER AROUND
DON'T GIVE HOPE TO KEN ANYMORE
JUST BE MINE
AI...
Surprised
I WILL TREASURE YOU

...my heart can't beat like crazy around Kazuki.
But still...
...unlike with Ken who keeps doing as he pleases.
That's right. If it's Kazuki, I'll be treated kindly...
SORRY!!
I STILL JUST CAN'T FORGET ABOUT KEN!!
SITS UP
WAIT! OUTSIDE'S STILL DANGEROUS!!
IT'S OKAY!!
AI!!

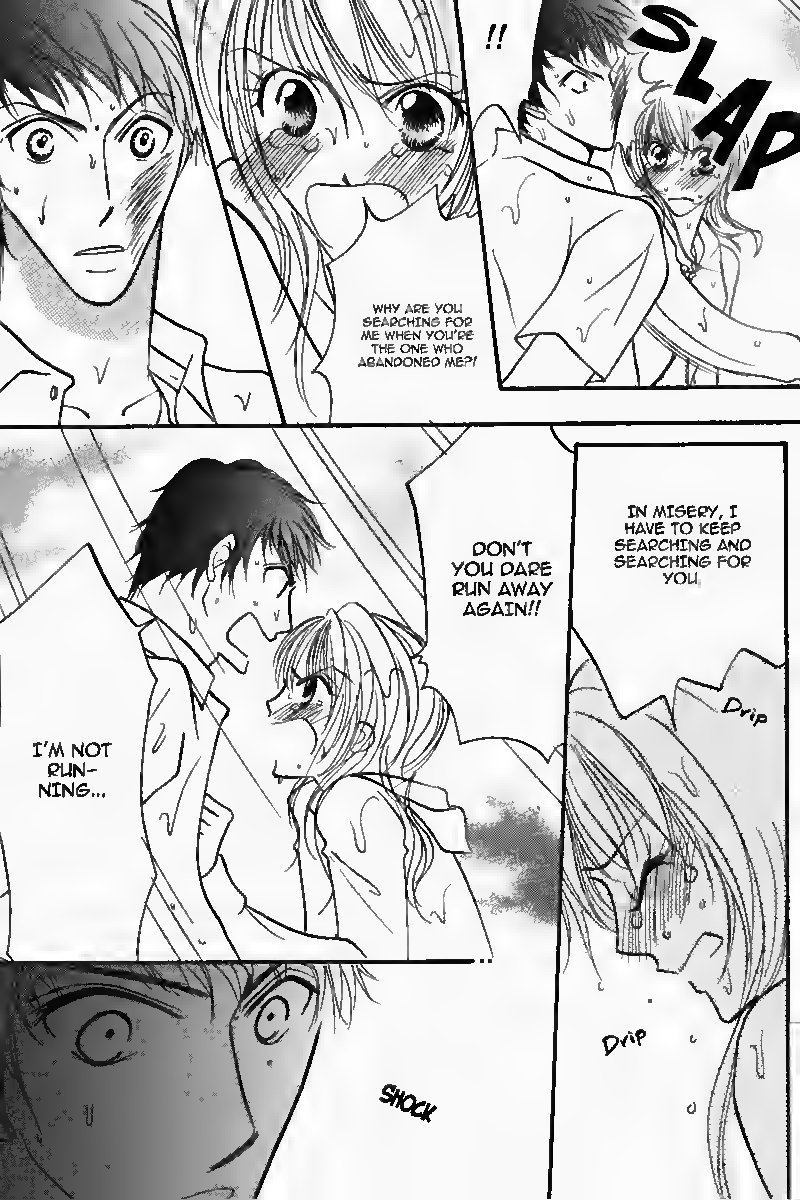
WAAAH!
SHHHHHHHHH
SSSSSSSHHHH
AHHHHH!!
Even the trees are falling down.
THANK YOU!!
SORRY!!
IF I DON'T GET IT TOGETHER, I'M GOING TO DIE
EEEK
It's such a strong typhoon.
But I've come this far.

I keep thinking about Ken.
He was a kissing monster when we were kids...
and became a pervert in high school.
Because of that, my feelings could never get through.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I WOULD THINK THAT HE'S NOT A CHILDHOOD FRIEND. HE'S JUST SOME PERVERTED BOY...
But...
...no matter what kind of situation I am in,
WAAAH!
T-THUD
...without a doubt, he will come and save me.

VSSSSSHHHHH
He didn't come...
"Ken doesn't understand the pain you feel when the one you want is no longer around."
Ken!
No way! I don't want to bear this pain!

Yeeeeeeeh
HUGS
Ken...!!

YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU'RE HERE TOO!
WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU WEREN'T AT THE AIRPORT OR THE HOTEL, I STARTED SEARCHING FOR YOU.
!!
He really came!!


!!
SLAP
WHY ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR ME WHEN YOU'DE THE ONE WHO ABANDONED ME?!
IN MISERY, I HAVE TO KEEP SEARCHING AND SEARCHING FOR YOU.
Drip
Drip
DON'T YOU DARE RUN AWAY AGAIN!!
I'M NOT RUN-NING...
SHOCK

I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING
...
I NEVER TOLD YOU MY FEELINGS.
LET'S FIND A SAFE SHELTER FIRST.
FLASH

ROAR
Ken?!
HOTEL
CLICK
YOU GO AND TAKE A BATH ALSO.
I'M OKAY.
GRIP
BA-THUMP

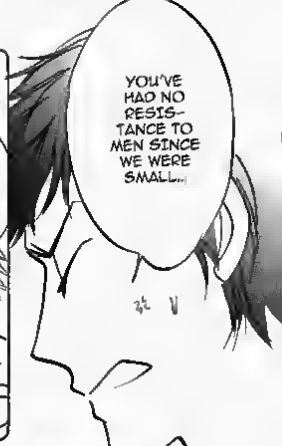
SORRY.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
...KEN?
THUMP

Finally, the words I've longed to hear...!!
I'M NOT CRYING!!
IS THAT SOME-THING TO CRY ABOUT?!
TEARS
!!
MY HEAD IS GOING CRAZY BECAUSE I'VE LOVED YOU FOR SO LONG, AI.

I HAVE BEEN WAITING...
TO HEAR THAT!!
I'VE BEEN PROTECTING YOU SINCE WE WERE SMALL.
EH?!
HUH?!
I THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE WE'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS

WHAT YOU'RE DOING?!
KICK
SHOCKED
THUD

Kindergarten
WHAT IS IT?
AI-CHAN AI-CHAN
SMOOCH


YOU'VE HAD NO RESISTANCE TO MEN SINCE WE WERE SMALL...

EH? KENJI!
WHACK
ARGH
You're here.

Elementary School
YES?!
Pant
Pant
Pant
COME TO MY PLACE

Eh?!
I never knew...

EVEN THOUGH IT'S YOU, SENPAI, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
GULP
GRAB'S

Junior High
AI MIYAMOTO FROM FIRST YEAR IS SO CUTE! IT MAKES ME WANT TO EAT HER!
SNAP
Wahahahaha!

SORRY
PLEASE DON'T BE AN AIRHEAD JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE CUTE!!
IF NOT FOR ME, YOU WOULD'VE BEEN DONE FOR OVER 100 TIMES ALREADY!!
THAT'S EXACTLY THE REASON..
I WANTED TO KNOW KEN'S FEELINGS FOR ME!?!
ANYWAY, DO YOU THINK I'M THE TYPE OF GUY WHO WOULD KISS AND DO PERVERTED THINGS TO A GIRL I DON'T EVEN LIKE?
I BECAME ANXIOUS...
BECAUSE KEN DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING...

BA-THUMP
GRAB
SORRY...
THAT I MADE YOU GO THROUGH ALL THIS...
Lick
BA-THUMP
YEAH...
ME TOO SORRY FOR BEING SUCH AN AIRHEAD

I WON'T BE SWAYED ANYMORE I'LL LOOK ONLY AT KEN FROM NOW ON
SO YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME ONCE A MONTH
WHY MUST IT BE ONCE A MONTH ..?
WHY DO YOU SEEM TO HATE IT SO MUCH?
ONCE A MONTH ..?
Barn
RATHER THAN SAYING "I LOVE YOU",
ISN'T IT BETTER FOR ME TO SINCERELY PROTECT YOU?!

YOU WERE SO FINE WITH ANY OTHER BOY THAT IT MADE ME WANT TO GIVE UP. STILL, I COULDN'T...
Ken thinks of me in that way....
ME TOO IF IT'S NOT KEN, THEN IT'S USELESS
ONLY KEN CAN MAKE MY HEART BEAT THIS FAST LISTEN..
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS ALREADY SEARCHING FOR YOU IN THE STORM.
Touch
Blush

BECAUSE IT'S KEN, MY HEART BEATS LIKE THIS
Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump
There are still a lot of things I don't know even though we've been together for such a long time.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD YOUR HEART BEAT LIKE THIS
Thump
Thump
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME

Then, the two of us...
More...
I want to know more.

...will mature
together...

BLINK
BLUSH
I finally did it with Ken...
HOTEL
HM?
MY BODY HURTS A BIT, BUT I'M SO HAPPY...

AI...
Blush
Grabs
MORNING
Happiness...

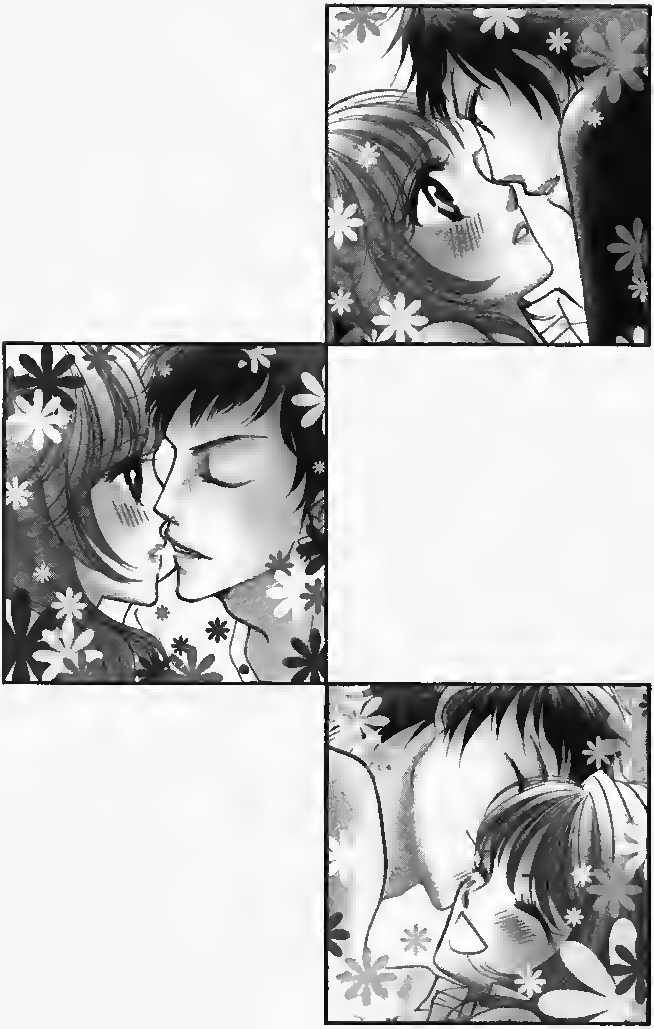
AH...
THE WEATHER CLEARED UP
LET'S GO BACK TO TOKYO
SHOCK
MY LUGGAGE IS STILL IN THE HOTEL
HOTEL?
THE HOTEL KAZUKI BOOKED...
You think...?
He'll cast you up again!
THEN, LET'S GET YOUR BAG TOGETHER
I WANT TO SET THINGS STRAIGHT WITH THAT PERSON TOO
OKAY...

KAZUKI?!
Maybe I should've stopped you yesterday
AH— THE TWO OF YOU DID IT, RIGHT?
Blush
Disappointing
Sigh

I'M SORRY, KAZUKI.
IN THE END, I STILL LOVE KEN.
I STILL LOVE AI.
!!
KAZUKI..?!
I SUESS I SHOULD GIVE UP ON YOU NOW.
GRINS
BUT I'M SERIOUS ABOUT AI, SO THAT'LL NEVER HAPPEN.

SO IN THE END, I WANT TO HAVE A FAIR DUEL WITH KEN
Smile
EH? A DUEL?!
OKAY
I ACCEPT.

EH?!



DID YOU HEAR THAT STAFFING IN MIDNIGHT SCANS HAS GOTTEN MORE CHAOTIC THAN EVER?
WE SHOULD LEND THEM A HAND IN RECRUITING FOR MORE SMUT AND SHOUJO RELEASES...
EH... IT CONCERNS ME HOW?
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE EDITING, CLEANING, TYPESETTING OR PROOF-READING.
ALL I NEED TO DO IS CHARM THEM WITH MY KILLER SMILE!
If you want it, you better help out!!!
FINE... FINE! I'LL HELP!
YES. YOU DO THAT...
AND PERHAPS ENSLAVE YOURSELF TO THOSE RABID FANGIRLS. YOU'LL DO FINE!
WHAT?!

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